

## House Resolution No. 678

**Whereas**, it is with heavy hearts that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to acknowledge the significant achievements of a life gone by, that of Lottie Mae Polk, who passed to her eternal reward on March 4, 2002; and

**Whereas**, Lottie Mae came into this world in Winona, Mississippi, on October 26, 1924, as the fourth of five children born to proud and loving parents Samuel and Lottie Edwards, who welcomed her into their hearts as a precious gift from God; and

**Whereas**, Lottie Mae was a bright and curious little girl who enjoyed a safe, happy childhood filled with love and laughter, and received her education in the Winona Public School system; and

**Whereas**, Lottie declared her love for the Lord at an early age and joined True Light Baptist Church after moving to St. Louis, where she glorified His name as an usher and devout member for more than fifty years; and

**Whereas**, Lottie embarked upon a new and exciting journey in her life when she married her beloved Johnnie Polk, a kind and caring gentleman with whom she shared many years of wedded success and happiness until his departure from this world; and

**Whereas**, throughout her long and meaningful life, Lottie Mae Polk never met a stranger and delighted in cooking her famous greens, hot water corn bread, and fried chicken for friends and loved ones; and

**Whereas**, preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and her brother, Claude Edwards, Lottie Mae Polk leaves behind to cherish her memory her daughters, Ella and Bobbie; her grandchildren, Deland and Vicki Edwards, Kenneth E. and Theresa McClendon, Lisa McClendon, and James Hill; her great-grandchildren, Tiya, Kenneth, and Meredith; her brother, Samuel Edwards; her brother and sister-in-law, Jiles and Lucy Edwards; her sister and brother-in-law, Ida P. and John Collins; her sister-in-law, Marie Edwards; her aunt, Ella Gregory Purnell of Kilmichael, Mississippi; and a host of other friends and relatives:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, join unanimously in paying final tribute to Lottie Mae Polk, a remarkable woman of peace and kindness in this world who will be sadly missed by all those who had the rare privilege of knowing and loving her; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the loved ones of the late Lottie Mae Polk, as an expression of our deepest sympathy.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Connie Johnson  
District No. 61

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 678, adopted March 7, 2002.

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Jim Kreider, Speaker